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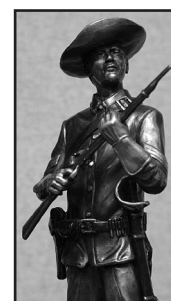
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Cheryl Stanley packs bags full of cookies for The Great F. E. Warren Cookie Launch Monday at the Trail's End Club. More than 5,000 cookies were donated from the local community and base members. The cookies were distributed to the more than 600 Airmen who live in the dormitories.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon



# Commentary

## Words from "The Wife"

**Cheryl R. Stanley**  
319th Missile Squadron Spouse

It's not politically correct in some circles to use the word "wife." But, I am. I am a wife, a mother, a teacher, a chef, a chauffeur, a party consultant and a professional. I am a lot of things and I am proud of them all.

Officially, I took on the role of "the wife" when my husband, Lt. Col. Robert Stanley, 319th Missile Squadron Director of Operations, and I were in Washington D.C. several years ago for an Air Force Association conference. It also happened to be the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. It was too expensive for us to attend the ball while we were there, so we were going to go for the awards ceremony, the sites and the time away from the kids. Then one evening, as we were planning our trip, Rob informed me that I needed to buy a formal dress because we were going to the ball. However, there was one little catch. He had volunteered me to represent all Air Force spouses during the program. How hard could this be, I thought ... and I get to go shopping? OK by me!

When we arrived in D.C., we met many people. It was fascinating, fun and a bit overwhelming. The rehearsal was interesting. We were asked to wear what we would on a daily basis. As a school teacher that meant jumpers and tennis shoes. Well if that's what they want, I thought.

That night, I left before dessert, ran back to our hotel room and changed from my lovely formal, into a denim jumper and tennis shoes. Can you imagine? They introduced each of us, and then put our faces up on the big screen TV. (You haven't lived until you've seen yourself 10 times bigger than life - trust me.) It was pretty simple really, stand there and smile while some voice "out there" introduces you. "Representing the military spouse, Mrs. Cheryl Stanley. Cheryl is the wife of ..." Not too difficult. When we were finished we were to return

to the dinner. I didn't feel like making the mad dash back to the room to change into my formal and miss the rest of the program, so I snuck back in my jumper and tennis shoes.

It was after all the festivities that I got my nickname. Several people in the hall were whispering, "There's the wife," or coming up and thanking me for representing all "wives." A woman, in her early 80s, approached my husband and me, and thanked us for our service. As she walked back to her husband, Rob informed me he was a retired general. How incredible and humbling.

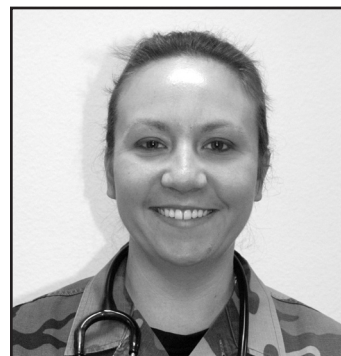
As spouses (wives or husbands), we represent the Air Force almost as often as our active duty members. Anytime we are in public wearing anything that says Air Force, people take notice. They ask about our family members, and feel a connection. Many have thanked us for our service. What is *our* service? To support our military member in the best way possible so he or she can do their job to the best of their ability.

The next time you wonder about this Air Force lifestyle, remember it is bigger than you or me. This is the defense of our nation. In our moving, our giving up our careers, our vacations, our free time, we serve the Air Force and our country!

\*It is not my intent to diminish the father, husband, or male spouse. This is a new change that has allowed us to grow as well. However, spouses' history in our Air Force has usually been the wife. I applaud those male spouses who have stepped up and aren't afraid to join us. You know who you are, and you are a great addition to our functions!

# Man on the street

*The Warren Sentinel asked Warren members, "What is your favorite holiday tradition?"*



"My favorite holiday tradition started with my mama; decorating and dancing around the Christmas tree, and listening to the Partridge Family Christmas album!"

**- Airman 1st Class Ashley Byrd, 90th Medical Operations Squadron**



"My favorite holiday tradition is sitting around the table and eating all kinds of food."

**- Senior Airman James Carter, 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron**



"Going home to see family and eating ham."

**- Airman Jacob Hyde, 90th Space Wing Chapel**



"Right before [Christmas] dinner my dad, my brother and I would sneak out and eat some enchiladas at our favorite Mexican restaurant! Kind of a strange tradition, but we did it every year."

**- Senior Airman Ryan Stark, 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

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# Air Force leaders send holiday message

**WASHINGTON** - The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray:

"As 2005 draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the past year and prepare ourselves for 2006. For many of us, this season brings to mind a yearning for peace. Unfortunately, the enemies of peace are challenging those of us who promote liberty, tolerance and respect for human rights. That is why your service is vital to our nation. In this season of gift-giving, it is one of the greatest gifts you could bestow on your countrymen.

"We have seen this gift you have generously given – and not just to America, but to all nations. You brought food, shelter and security to those whose lives were devastated by the tsunami in Asia and the Indian subcontinent. You saved

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lives and restored services to those who felt the immense destruction of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You provided the conditions for the people of Afghanistan and Iraq to experience the gift of democracy. You have created the shield that protects America, flying countless sorties over our homeland. And you have given the gift of national security, by committing yourself to excellence in performing your duties in count-

less other ways that do not always receive public recognition.

"This gift you give would not be possible without sacrifice. Whether active duty, Reserve, Guard, or civilian, you work under conditions that are very demanding. Some of you are separated from your families this holiday season, deployed to hazardous and austere locations. We are incredibly proud of you and your families, whose support makes your

sacrifice possible.

"We are also filled with pride in those who have fallen this year while serving in our Air Force. We shall always remember the gift they gave, and keep their families in our hearts.

"But as we have given the gift of service to our country, we have received much in return. Sometimes, it has been a care package or kind note from a stranger. Or it has been the support of the communities that lie outside our gates. It has been the unspoken thanks in the exhausted eyes of someone evacuated from a disaster. But one thing is certain – we have received the gift of unwavering support from the people of this land.

"As the holidays approach, we urge all of you to reflect on the gifts you have given and received this year. We wish you the gifts of peace, health, and happiness in the coming year."

# Holiday greetings from 20th AF Commander: Have a safe, joyous season, remember the deployed

**Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Deppe**  
*Commander, Twentieth Air Force*

We are entering what is for most Americans the most joyful time of the year - the winter holiday season. As we embark on this time of the year, we have an opportunity to slow down and enjoy the company of family and friends. Regardless of personal spiritual beliefs, the holiday season is a time for everyone to reflect on the gifts in their lives and

be thankful.

One of the greatest gifts Americans enjoy is the gift of freedom. As members of our armed forces and the civilians who support our mission, you continue the proud tradition of defending freedom that first began with the patriots of the American Revolution in 1775. The freedom to celebrate this holiday season in a manner each of us chooses is due to the sacrifices our predecessors made and the sacrifices you make every day. For those maintenance teams,

missile crews, security forces and hundreds of personnel who will be on duty during the holidays, remember you are protecting the freedoms of your nation, fellow servicemembers, friends and family.

Unfortunately, there are those who will not be spending the holiday season in a peaceful environment with loved ones. We have thousands of servicemembers deployed to various parts of the world attempting to deliver and defend free-

dom for others who are less fortunate than we are. We ask that you keep these military members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

As you travel to be with family and friends, or just travel around town, take an extra moment to ensure you are being safe. With the hustle and bustle of trying to buy the right gifts and the hosting of holiday parties, compounded by winter weather, remember a few extra moments spent focusing on safety will ensure the

holiday season remains a joyous celebration.

As a reminder, the 20th Air Force mission is critical to our national defense. The entire nation is grateful for your service and sacrifices which allow us to celebrate the holidays in freedom and security. I am proud of each of the nearly 10,000 men and women of 20th AF, and I thank you for your dedicated commitment to our great nation.

Eileen and I wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

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# AFSPC Vice Commander shares thoughts

**1st Lt. Jennifer Whitaker**  
*Air Force Space Command Public Affairs*

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – Just a few weeks into his new position at Air Force Space Command, the Vice Commander already has his finger on the pulse of the heart and soul of the command – its people.

Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz assumed his role as AFSPC Vice Commander Oct. 17. He said his primary goal is to do the best job he can to support General Lance W. Lord, AFSPC Commander, in carrying out his responsibilities.

“I also hope to foster a real sense of teamwork and cooperation amongst the various elements of the headquarters and the command, as we work to achieve the vision and goals General Lord and our new chief of staff, General Moseley, have set out for us,” he said.

Throughout his 32-year Air Force career, the general has served in operational and command jobs in the intercontinental ballistic missile business. He’s also held key nuclear and space policy positions in Washington and overseas.

Most recently, General Klotz served as 20th Air Force Commander at Warren.

He said the challenges AFSPC faces are the same challenges the rest of the Air Force faces: winning the Global War on Terrorism, taking care of our people and families and recapitalizing our aging weapons systems and infrastructure.

“We have some very sophisticated and very technologically capable weapons systems within Air Force Space Command, but those systems are only operated, maintained, se-



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Whitaker

**Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz assumed his role as Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command Oct. 17. Most recently, General Klotz served as the 20th Air Force Commander at Warren.**

cured and supported as well as they are because of the expertise and dedication of those people who carry out these tasks,” General Klotz said. “We have to make sure all our people – active, reserve, guard, civilian and contractors – receive the education, training and professional development they need to bring a wealth of talent to the fight.”

General Klotz stressed the need to take care of families.

“The Air Force is a family,” he said. “There’s an old saying, ‘You recruit a military member, but you retain a family.’ So we need to make sure our families are well taken care of, particularly as the operations tempo continues to be as intense as it is.”

The general marveled at the creativity and innovation he’s seen as Airmen solve technical problems and

operational challenges. He said while it’s important for Airmen to always follow operational procedures, they should also look for ways to improve or enhance the capabilities we already have.

“It’s amazing,” he said. “Many times it’s the young lieutenant or the young Airman who’s relatively new to our business who looks at it with fresh eyes and fresh perspective, and with the advantage of the up-to-date education and training that they’ve just received. When they take on these challenges, they very often come up with innovative, exciting ways to do business.”

He cited operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, saying there are countless examples of this fresh approach to doing business as people harness existing capabilities that may have

been designed 20 to 30 years ago for an entirely different purpose, using them in different ways to greatly increase the capabilities space gives warfighters.

General Klotz also believes education and training are vital, particularly in a technologically advanced command like AFSPC.

“The National Security Space Institute is one of the most exciting developments as we build a professional space cadre to prepare not only space command, but the whole country for the new challenges of the 21st century,” the general said.

Since first joining the command in the early 1990’s when intercontinental ballistic missiles first fell under AFSPC, General Klotz has witnessed some significant changes. He said he’s seen a steady increase in the types of space effects AFSPC commands, controls and provides to the warfighter.

“I think we’re doing an excellent job in terms of being very attentive to the needs of the warfighter,” he said. “Our...primary task is to win the Global War on Terrorism, and we in Air Force Space Command have been working very hard to find ways we can contribute in a meaningful and timely way to that fight.”

Looking toward the future, the general stressed the importance of giving the command’s people opportunities to serve in joint operations.

“It’s very important that we as space professionals understand the needs of our brothers and sisters who operate other weapons systems on land, at sea and in the air,” he said. “(We need to) understand their requirements and their perspectives so we can better serve them.”

## Air Force releases new mission statement

**Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle**  
*Air Force Print News*

**WASHINGTON** – The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

“Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges,” Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne

and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. “Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise.”

The mission statement defines the “where and what” the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

*The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests -- to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.*

The statement includes

two new concepts, “sovereign options” and “cyberspace,” which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

“Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy’s defenses,” they said. “With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other

hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world.”

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

“We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can’t be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures,” Secretary Wynne said. “The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent.”

Adversaries of the United States will use any method

or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman’s calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

“If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts,” they said. “If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them.”

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, “The Air Force’s mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do.”



## Briefs

### Gate guards

Warren security forces are working diligently to make sure the gate guard transition is seamless. However, should someone have a comment or issue, they can call the security forces quality assurance person at 631-7082.

### 90th MDG closure

The 90th Medical Group will be closed on Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2 for the holidays. Refills called in by noon on Dec. 21 can be picked up on Dec. 22.

As usual, a provider will be on call to discuss urgent medical concerns. To request a referral for urgent care, that cannot wait until the next duty day, call 773-3461.

### Flu vaccine

The Warren Immunization Clinic is scheduled to do mass vaccinations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the base exchange. The vaccine is available for all active duty members, dependents and retirees, who may also stop by the clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during normal duty days. For more information, contact public health at 773-3040.

### Holiday commissary hours

Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Dec. 25, closed  
Dec. 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Jan. 1, closed

### MSET Assessment

Warren's first Missile Standardization, Evaluation and Training Assessment is scheduled for Jan. 16 to 20. MSET, formerly known as the Combat Capability Assessment, is an inspection that evaluates how Warren trains and evaluates its people to effectively safeguard and/or employ 150 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles upon direction from the president.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Jeff Jenkins or Capt. Mike Morris at 773-2135.

### Airman holiday celebration

Dorm Escape will be open from noon to 10 p.m. Dec. 25 at the First Term Airmen's Center. Free food will be available and video game, foosball, billiards and poker tournaments will be held. Prizes will be awarded to each tournament champion.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brandy Holcep

## IN REMEMBRANCE

A group of Airmen from the 90th Security Forces Group marches in the six-mile ruck march here Dec. 9. Approximately 174 people participated in the march to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Chosin Reservoir Campaign that took place in North Korea from Nov. 27 to Dec. 9, 1950. Isolated and surrounded, the 1st Marine Division decimated 10 Chinese infantry divisions. Fourteen Marines and two Sailors were awarded the Medal of Honor. The campaign is considered one of the greatest moments in the history of the Navy, Marine Corps and the British Royal Marines, according to the Department of Defense Web site.

## Excellence, goal of 20th AF Commander

### Maj. Dani Johnson

91st Space Wing Public Affairs

**MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.** - Keeping the long history of excellence in 20th Air Force is the number one priority of the numbered air force's newest commander.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Deppe visited Minot AFB Dec. 6 to 8 for his first base visit since assuming command.

"Twentieth Air Force is built on the backs of Minot, F. E. Warren and Malmstrom [Air Force Bases]," said the general. "I want to keep the long history of excellence moving, but at the same time, we need to look at how we do things today."

He explained the intercontinental ballistic missile force operates the same as it did at its inception during the beginning of the Cold War.

"I would like to think about smarter, better, more efficient ways we can accomplish our mission in today's environment," said General Deppe. "And maybe do things differently."

The way the force is improving is the modernization of the ICBM

weapon system. The Air Force is spending \$6 billion modifying the system to last another 25 to 30 years.

"By 2012, we will have basically a completely new missile in the silos here, in Wyoming and Montana," the general said. "All stages are being replaced as well as the guidance sets, warheads, command and control electronics, and power systems."

Another way the force is improving is by educating its people. The NAF developed an ICBM Center of Excellence.

"The idea was actually Maj. Gen. Tom Neary's [20th AF commander from 1998 to 2000]. It's a center where we can take some of our best and brightest people and have them think about how we operate today," explained General Deppe. "It's also a way to standardize information going to the three wings."

According to the general, the center has courses to train Airmen to be instructors and evaluators. All missileers who become instructors attend a course at the ICE to learn how to teach people, ensuring the three wings are committed in their course of instruction.

The general spent his first 10 years in the Air Force as an enlisted man and received his commission through

Officer Training School.

"If I can be nothing else in my career, let me be an inspiration," said General Deppe. The opportunity exists [to be anything you want in the Air Force]. It's why I became a recruiter my last four enlisted years.

"This organization, the U.S. Air Force, gives unlimited opportunities and not just for personal or career advancement, but to do all sorts of things," he said. "The list is without limit of what you can do and the opportunities given to you in the Air Force."

The general explained he doesn't think everyone should get commissioned because, the fact is, the Air Force needs chiefs more than colonels. He expressed the opportunities to be all you can be.

"This is my fourth time at Minot in the last two years. Minot has a tremendous history and tradition of excellence," he said. "It's not by accident Minot is the holder of the Blanchard Trophy [given to the best ICBM wing at Guardian Challenge]."

"It's just something in the DNA up here. That drive for excellence, I see it everywhere I go. Everybody up here works hard to get the job done and you do it the right way."

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

## MONUMENTAL DONATION

Dean Borthwick (far right), President of the Civilian Advisory Council, and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Robert Scott (second from right), former 90th Strategic Wing Commander and current Treasurer of the CAC, present Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander, and Capt. Mike Campbell, 90th Operations Support Squadron, with a check in the amount of \$1,559.54 to help complete the Buffalo Soldiers memorial statue. The 10-foot tall monument is scheduled to be completed in late 2006 or early 2007. It will be located just outside the base near Gate 1. The Buffalo Soldiers were a group of African Americans who helped open the gates of freedom in America. They lived, served and died for this country, and labored and fought behind a veil of anonymity and prejudice. The monument project is designed to educate the public about the accomplishments of the Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions to Wyoming and the nation. See Page 23 for the CAC donation letter.

# Winter fire safety tips from the fire department

Article courtesy of the  
Warren Fire Department

Each year, fires during the holiday season injure an average of 2,600 people and cause more than \$930 million in damages. There are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday, according to the United States Fire Administration. By following the outlined precautionary tips, people can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

### Preventing Christmas tree fires

- Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a

live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

- When selecting a tree, be sure to look for needles on fresh trees to be green and hard to pull back from the branches and not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Bouncing the tree trunk on the ground can identify old trees. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, therefore, making it a fire hazard.

-Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree causing it to be

more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

- When disposing of your tree, never put branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

### Holiday light safety

-Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or

cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

-Do not link more than three light strands in an electric outlet, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging it into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires; they should not be warm to the touch.

-Do not leave lights unattended.

Don't become a statistic. Follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

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## CMSAF discusses future at enlisted call

**Michael Briggs**  
12th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - It was fitting Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray wore the Air Force utility uniform of tomorrow when addressing about 700 Airmen at an enlisted call here.

Most of what the chief talked about Dec. 6 focused on the future. That was also the purpose of his visit to the Air Force Personnel Center this week.

Chief Murray discussed Airmen assignments. He said the Air Force is getting "the right Airmen in the right place at the right time-- while continuing to manage our most precious resource: you, our people."

He also discussed how the Air Force can continue to develop Airmen to their fullest potential through the different stages of their careers, and how to tie developmental assignments to those leadership levels in the future.

He said the goal for force development is to determine how to best use the talents, skills, education and experience of Airmen in their contributions to the overall

mission.

Tying future assignments and force development together follows changes in Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, revised about a year ago. Tactical, operational and strategic leadership and developmental levels were included in the revision.

"It's the foundation of our enlisted force development," he said. "And (it) has been since it was written in 1972 as the old (regulation) 39-6."

He said the future of force development must include every aspect of an enlisted person's career in a continuum that follows an Airman through basic training, technical training, professional military education, on-the-job training, career development courses, promotions and assignments, while tying those things to tactical, operational and strategic levels of leadership at appropriate times.

The Air Force has taken steps in this regard by revising basic training and developing professional military education for chief master sergeants, for example. Chief Murray said other initiatives under study will follow, such as perhaps providing more frequent PME during a person's



Photo by Steve White

**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray talks with Airmen during an enlisted call at the base theater at Randolph AFB, Texas.**

career.

Another aspect of the force development cycle still being looked at is how assignments will be tied to the process. The chief said career field managers have been asked to

study the assignments within their specialties to determine which ones might be considered "developmental" and at what stage of a career a person should perform those duties.

Of the prototype utility

uniform he wore, the chief said the Air Force is close to finishing a three-year process that determined the best pattern, material, fit and function of the uniform. It will replace the woodland battle dress uniform most Airmen wear as their home station utility uniform.

Chief Murray said the gray, slate blue, tan and brown-patterned prototype he was wearing had ousted the mainly blue prototype first wear-tested about two years ago. He said the new uniform would be manufactured in both male and female cuts.

"It truly is permanent-press and wash-and-wear," Chief Murray said. "It needs no ironing whatsoever."

"We want you to be able to spend less time on your uniform," he said. "We want you to have a good-looking utility uniform that fits you well, is easy to maintain and costs you less money to maintain. I think that's what you're going to have."

He said small utility pockets may be added to a lower leg and wrist area of a sleeve as final design adjustments based on feedback from wear tests. He said the uniform may be manufactured for wear in late 2006 or early 2007.

## Air Force declares F-22A operational

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va.** - The Air Force's most advanced weapon system is ready for combat, Air Force officials here announced Thursday.

In reaching initial operational capability, the F-22A Raptor has been certified ready for employment.

Declaring the transformational fighter IOC means the Raptor's proven capabilities are now available for use in combat around the globe and are supported by a properly trained and equipped force. It also means the aircraft is qualified to perform homeland defense missions when required. In the words of Gen. Ronald E. Keys, Air Combat Command Commander, "If we go to war tomorrow, the Raptor will go with us."

"F-22A IOC means our warfighters now have an unprecedented lethal mix of air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities at their disposal," General Keys said. "The Raptor's cutting-edge

technology brings us continued joint air dominance despite advancing enemy threats."

Reaching the IOC milestone culminates a collaborative effort between Air Force organizations and the service's industry partners over the past 25 years. The road to IOC included the F-22A System Program Office turning Air Force requirements into a successful acquisition program; developmental flight test and evaluation, simulation and ground testing at Edwards AFB, Calif., and Eglin AFB, Fla.; engine testing at Arnold AFB, Tenn.; missile testing at Holloman AFB, N.M., and over the Pacific Test Range; tactics development at Nellis AFB, Nev.; pilot and maintenance training at Tyndall AFB, Fla.; and deployability here.

"The F-22A fulfills a long quest to bring fifth-generation capabilities of stealth, supercruise and precision to the warfighter today and 30 years from today," General Keys said. "Now

that we have met our first promised milestone of a fully capable, multi-mission platform ready for combat, we are already focused on furthering our integrated tactics development, refining our deployability, and growing and training our force. To add to what we learned on our successful first operational deployment to the Utah Test and Training Range to drop (joint direct attack munitions), fly against double-digit (surface-to-air missiles) at Nellis, and work (close air support) with F-16 FAC-As, we will conduct our first routine peacetime exercise deployment by taking 12 Raptors to Alaska in June for Northern Edge."

Designed to ensure America's air dominance for years to come, the F-22A will ensure U.S. joint forces' freedom from attack and freedom to attack, even as adversaries continue to advance their weapons and technologies.

"As I told (Air Force Chief of Staff)

Gen. (T. Michael) Moseley, he and I have spent our lifetime executing, instructing, and providing air dominance for the joint force. Lamentably, we have never been privileged to hold a weapon like this in our hands. After reviewing our test results, seeing our operational deployment performance, and talking to the pilots that will go to war with it, I am confident that the F-22A joins the combat force at a far more mature and capable level than any of our previous great aircraft, and it will take its rightful place in a long line of U.S. Air Force legends of the air," General Keys said.

The first combat-ready Raptors are assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, one of three squadrons assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing here.

The squadron's current combat deployment capability with the F-22A is a 12-ship package designed to execute air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

# Official debunks myths about military recruits

**Donna Miles**  
*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** - Recruits entering today's military are head and shoulders above their contemporaries, a top Pentagon official said.

Myths that imply otherwise reflect the Vietnam-era -- not today's -- military, Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, said of today's recruits.

"They are so clearly a cut above America," he said.

Mr. Carr bristles when he hears unfounded charges that the men and women entering the military are less educated, less affluent or less likely than other 18- to 24-year-olds to have alternatives to military service.

Rather, a combination of volunteerism and commitment to service is prompting young people to enlist, he said, noting that a measure of shrewdness plays into their decision.

"They are planning their future and considering what part we can play in it," he said.

Mr. Carr likes to think of himself as a "myth buster," helping break stereotypes he said are flat-out wrong and cheat servicemembers of the pride they've earned and deserve.

He gave examples of those myths and set the record straight

**MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF RECRUITS  
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 U.S. YOUTH POPULATION.**

for each one.

-Myth 1: Military recruits are less educated and have fewer work alternatives than other young Americans.

In fact, military recruits are far better educated than the general youth population, Mr. Carr said. More than 90 percent of recruits have a high school diploma, compared to about 75 percent of the U.S. youth population.

That's an important issue to the military, he said, because a traditional high school diploma is the single best indicator of a recruit's stick-to-it-ness and likelihood of successfully adjusting to military service. Recruits with a high school diploma have a 70 percent probability of completing a three-year enlistment versus a 50 percent chance for non-graduates.

The military has exceeded the 90-percent benchmark for recruits with high school diplomas every year since 1983, Mr. Carr said.

-Myth 2: The military tends to attract people with lower aptitudes.

Recruits actually have much higher average aptitudes than the general youth population, Mr. Carr said. In fiscal 2005, 67 percent of recruits scored above the 60th percentile on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. The test is designed so the average young person will score 50 percent, he said.

But high achievement on the test isn't new, he said. Sixty percent of new enlistees have scored at or above the 50 percentile -- the military's benchmark for recruits -- every year since 1985.

-Myth 3: The military attracts a disproportionate number of poor or underprivileged youth.

In reality, military recruits mirror the U.S. population and are solidly middle class, Mr. Carr said. He cited a recent Heritage Foundation report that shows most recruits come from middle-class families, rather than poorer or wealthier ones.

Patterns in recent years reinforce this trend, showing a slight dip in recruits from lower socioeco-

nomic groups and a slight increase from upper-class groups, he said.

-Myth 4: A disproportionate number of recruits come from urban areas.

Inner cities are actually the most underrepresented area among new recruits, Mr. Carr said. Both suburban and rural areas are overrepresented, he said.

-Myth 5: The military isn't geographically representative of America.

The southern part of the United States generates the most recruits, 41 percent, but also has the biggest youth population to draw from, 36 percent, Mr. Carr said.

Twenty-four percent of recruits come from north-central regions, which have 23 percent of the youth population.

The west, with 24 percent of the nation's youth, contributes 21 percent of the new enlistees.

The northeast, with 18 percent of the youth population, provides 14 percent of new recruits.

Clearing up misconceptions about military recruits paints a truer picture of the young men and women joining the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, and the capabilities they bring to their respective services, Mr. Carr said.

It also reinforces what military leaders have recognized all along: "There's enormous talent in their midst," he said.

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

# Saturday — night — fights



Above: Staff Sgt. Gordon Lewis, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, gets attended to by his corner man 1st Lt. Rodney Ellison, 319th Missile Squadron. Left: Sergeant Lewis is declared the victor of the main event middle weight competition during Saturday Night Fights at Fall Hall here Saturday. Senior Airman Celsa Reyes, 90th Security Forces Group, presents him as the winner.



Above: Sergeant Lewis takes a punch at Airman 1st Class Martin Wallace, 90th Contracting Squadron, during Warren's Boxing Team's Boxing Exhibition Saturday at Fall Hall.

Right: Airman Wallace lands a jab on Sergeant Lewis during Saturday's boxing exhibition.



# SNCO, former TI makes a difference

## Volunteers at VA and church, plans on staying the course

*Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lemke, 90th Contracting Squadron, recently sat down with Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon to discuss being number one in his Senior NCO Academy class, volunteering at the Veterans Affairs hospital and Warren's camaraderie.*

**When you were in the Senior NCO Academy, you won the John L. Levitow award. How did you manage that? What set you apart from every one else in your class?**

I went in with just the attitude that I'm going to try my best at everything the school had to offer. I kind of went with the attitude that I need re-bluing. I looked at that school as an opportunity to be re-motivated and re-blued and so I thought 'well, I'm going to give it everything I've got' and never even thought about an award, the least of which the John Levitow Award. I had no idea that it would get to that point but I went there and enjoyed my time. I enjoyed the school and I had no distractions. My squadron kept work away from me during that time which was a huge factor, really, that played a big part, so I owe a lot of the success of winning that award to the folks here.

**What do you do at the 90th Contracting Squadron?**

I am the superintendent of the squadron. I take care of the people the programs and help keep the 90th Contracting Squadron running efficiently.

**What kind of volunteer work do you?**

I've gone to orphanages [and] the VA hospital. [I] spent some time with our veterans. [I've] been in some of the inner city schools in Alabama, too, just to help out on weekends. [I'm] pretty involved with our local church here in Cheyenne. I teach every Sunday.

**What do you teach?**

Junior church. When the adults are getting their message upstairs, the younger kids are getting a message downstairs. It's a great ministry, I really enjoy that.

**What do you do when you go to the VA hospital?**

Most of the time I'll just wander around the building, visit with a few folks there, play some checkers, things of that nature. I make it as often as I can. If I'm here, I go, and I usually take a couple folks with me. When you look at these guys you see the injuries they've sustained; you can just see the sacrifice they made for the freedom that we live under.

**What's your favorite part about working at Warren?**

I like the camaraderie. The best thing about working at a missile base is these guys are here for long periods of time so you get to know folks that aren't going to be PCSing in two or three years.

**When and why did you join the Air Force?**

It was January of 1987. If I had to hang my hat on the number one reason, I guess I just saw it as an opportunity to do something invaluable,



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lemke, 90th Contracting Squadron, poses for a picture in his office Tuesday. Sergeant Lemke volunteers for the Veterans Affairs hospital in his spare time.

because I didn't see any real opportunity for that at that time of my life.

**Do you feel you have done something invaluable with your life?**

Oh, I think so. Yes. As I look back, I've been doing this now for 18 years and I've had some great opportunities to do some neat things, and we're not talking about just going into a combat zone or deploying under certain operations. You can see it [in] just about every job, and every place I've been. There are opportunities to do something to make a difference. I think one of the more important ones was when I was a [training instructor]. You get to see these young troops that came in - didn't know their head from a hole in the ground half the time - and six weeks later, they have a little better idea of the direction they want to go in their life. I enjoyed that. [I] made some differences in some lives back then.

**How long were you a TI?**

Back then it was a three-year tour.

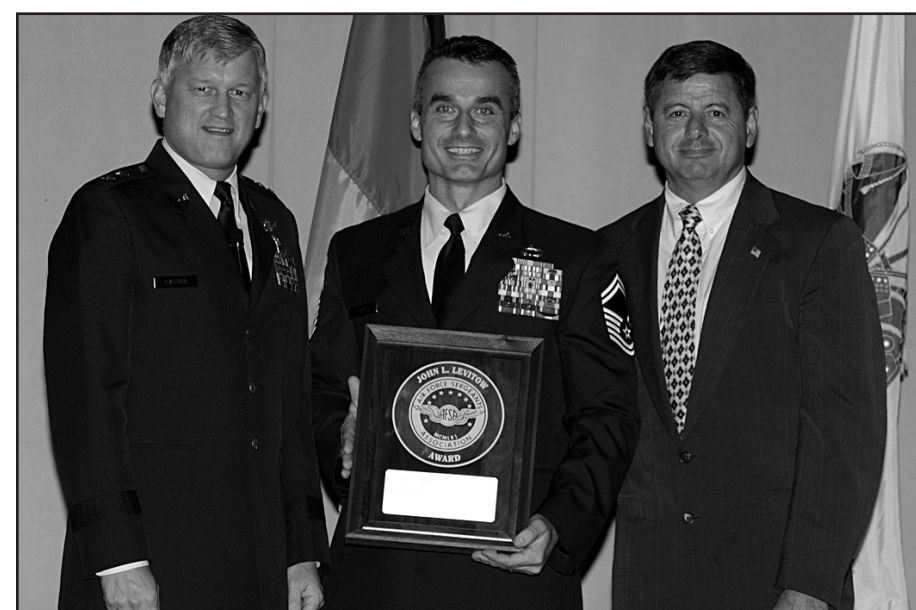
I loved that job.

**What was the best part?**

The most rewarding part was to see the change from 62 people you got on day zero of training (like I said that had no clue about who they were, what they were doing there and half the time confused) and six weeks later you see them standing a little taller, a little more proud and have a clear direction and a path of what they want to do with their careers. It's just a rewarding experience.

**What do you hope to do with your life? Are you going to be Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force?**

Now, I don't think Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is something you can plan on. I would like to make chief one day. I'll stay in the Air Force as long as I feel I can make a difference. If that means 20 years, 24 years or 30 years, I have no problem with it. In fact, I've often thought I'll stay all the way.



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lemke is presented with the John L. Levitow Award by Maj. Gen. Bentley Rayburn (left) and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) David Campanale.

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## Snowshoeing trip

Outdoor recreation is hosting a snowshoeing trip Saturday. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four. Sign up early for best snowshoe fitting choices.

For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

## Kempo Karate School

The Warren Youth Center now hosts Kempo Karate School for ages 4 through adult.

For more information, call the youth center at 773-2564.

## The Spa at the Aquatic Center

The Spa at the Aquatic Center offers massage therapy, hot stone massage, couples massage, body wrap, sugar scrub, facial mask/reflex session, ear candling and airbrush tanning.

For more information, call 773-3195.

## Water aerobics class

Water aerobics offers a

low impact cardio workout. Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Each session is \$3 or save with a \$30 punch card for 15 sessions. The first class is free.

For more information, call the aquatic center at 773-3195.

## Family special

Swim on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Pay no more than \$10 for the entire family. Immediate family members only.

## Auto skills center special

Save \$10 on a cooling system flush during December. Call 773-3869 for an appointment.

Call or stop by the Warren Auto Skills Center in December to purchase a pre-programmed wash card and an additional \$5 will be added.

## Youth ballet lessons

Learn ballet every Tuesday at the youth center. Pre-ballet begins

at 9:30 a.m. and beginning ballet begins at 4 p.m. The classes are \$30 per month for the first student and \$25 for additional siblings.

For more information, call the youth center at 773-2564.

## Family Day

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility. All active-duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m.

Family members of the deployed are also invited.

For more information, call 773-3838.

## Children's story time

Story hour is held every Friday at 11 a.m. at the base library.

Today: Beethoven's Birthday

Dec 23: Christmas

Dec 30: Kwanzaa

For more information, call 773-3416.

## Xtreme Bowling

Xtreme Bowling is held

Fridays from 9:30 to 11 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 per lane/per hour.

For more information, call 773-2210.

## Ladies night

It's ladies night each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the wood skills center. Receive one-on-one instruction on any project. The free safety orientation class is a prerequisite.

For more information, call 773-3166.

## Christmas dinner at Chadwell

Chadwell Dining Facility is open to all active duty enlisted, officers, retirees and their family members for Christmas dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25.

For more information, call 773-3838.

## SnoFest 2006

SnoFest, the military snow sports weekend, is scheduled for Jan. 27 to 29, 2006, in Keystone,

Colo. Tickets are on sale now at outdoor recreations. Prices are as follows: lift tickets are \$34 for adults and \$22 for children ages 5 to 12. A season pass costs \$129 for adults and \$79 for children ages 5 to 12. Tickets for the SnoFest parties cost \$13. Resort lodging starts at \$100. To book, call 1-800-258-0437 mention Warren Air Force Base and use the code GV7FEST. For off-resort lodging, call 719-333-7367. ODR is offering discount ski rental and transportation.

For more information, call 773-2988.

## Ski Copper Mountain

Outdoor recreation is hosting a ski trip to Copper Mountain Dec. 28 for \$59. The cost includes adult lift tickets, equipment rental and transportation. Child rates are available. The trip departs ODR at 6 a.m. and is scheduled to return around 8 p.m.

For more information, call ODR at 773-2988.

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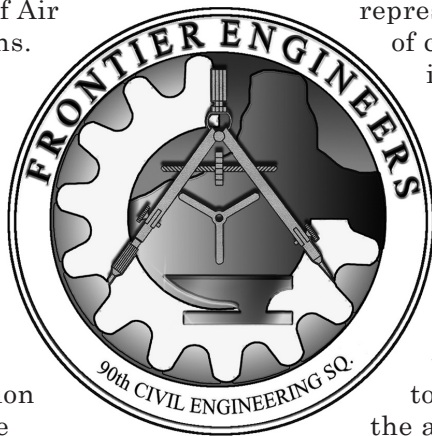
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Chief Master Sgt. Mark Brejcha plays Col. Michael Carey, 90th Space Wing Commander, while Master Sgt. Yvonne Miller plays the Ghost of Christmas Trash during a rendition of "The Christmas Carol" at the 90th SW Holiday Party Dec. 9 at the Trail's End Club. The 90th SW Holiday party is held yearly for members of Warren. Chief Brejcha is the Superintendent of the 90th Mission Support Group and Sergeant Miller is the 90th SW Career Assistance Advisor.

## The symbolism of the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron patch

The blue and yellow represent the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. The yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of the Air Force personnel.

The butte rising from the plain suggests the location of the unit. The demi-gear suggests the foundation of excellence established by the squadron and its continuous effort to accomplish the unit mission. The anvil represents the history of the unit's home base as a cavalry post and the ideas of the past which provide the tools of today to accomplish the goals of tomorrow. The pro-



pellor reflects the squadron's history of support to the 90th Space Wing. The compass represents the tools of civil engineering.

"The gears indicate our continuous efforts to provide world-class facility and infrastructure support to the wing and the anvil reminds us of our rich historic heritage that makes Warren a unique Air Force installation. The compass defines our high standards of precision in all that we do to support the space and missile mission of the Mighty Ninety," said Lt. Col. Joe Ballard, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander.

### CIVILIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL, WAFB

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Cheyenne, WY 82009

8 December 2005

Col. Michael Carey  
90th Space Wing Commander  
F.E. Warren AFB, WY

Reference: Capt Michael Campbell  
Buffalo Soldier Monument  
Project Officer

Dear Col. Carey:

The Civilian Advisory Council has for many years provided direct support for the successful completion of projects on F. E. Warren AFB.

In keeping with the mission and goals of the Council, it is appropriate to now support the currently on-going effort to complete the installation of the Buffalo Soldier Monument. That monument to the great history of the Buffalo Soldiers that were assigned to Ft. D. A. Russell (now F. E. Warren AFB) and to the many who are buried with honor in the Base Cemetery will be a lasting tribute to their memory.

The Civilian Advisory Council is pleased to provide financial support toward completion of that memorial to the Buffalo Soldiers through this check in the amount of \$1,559.54.

Sincerely,

Dean Borthwick, President  
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